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THIS IS YOUR CITY.

In 1637, what is now the City of Peabody, was part of the township of Salem. This section was originally called Brooksby from the convergence of Goldthwait and Porters' brooks at a point near Peabody Square.

In 1710, this section was known as the middle precinct of Salem.

In 1752, Salem was divided and a new town formed under the name of Danvers, later known as North and South Parishes.

In 1855, the South Parish of Danvers obtained a new charter changing its name to South Danvers.

In 1868, the name of South Danvers was changed to the Town of Peabody.

In 1916, the Town of Peabody became the CITY OF PEABODY

(Box # 1, Sutton Room)

GEORGE PEABODY
Feb. 18, 1795 Nov. 4, 1869
America's
First Great Philanthropist.

Born in poverty, and no formal education, George Peabody rose to become one of the great financial wizards of his time. Self-educated, yet he appreciated more than others the value of formal education. His first gift to the Peabody Institute Library was accompanied with this sentiment - "Education, a debt due from present to future generations."

He accumulated a fortune of over \$9,000,000 during his career, the greater portion of this being given away during his lifetime for charitable and educational purposes. In his native city, which now bears his name, the Peabody High School was named for him and the Peabody Institute Library stands as a monument to his love for the place of his birth.

PEABODY SQUARE.

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument in Peabody Square was dedicated November 10, 1881. It bears the names of seventy of the soldiers and sailors who died during the Civil War.

The imposing figure at the top of the 50 foot shaft is a copy of Crawford's Statue of America only the left hand holds a broken sickle instead of a coat of arms.

The cost was just above \$7,000.00.

Note: It is of interest to know that this same figure has also been used as the motif on one of our countries postage stamps. This was the three cent issue which was to commemorate the National Capitol Sesquicentennial.

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THE OLD IPSWICH ROAD.

The first highway through what is now the City of Peabody was the Ipswich Road laid out by the General Court in 1643, which ran from Boston to Ipswich.

The road is said to have been of Indian origin extending around the branches of the North River.

From the Lynn line, it followed what is Lynn Street, County Street, Summit Street, Lowell Street Prospect Street and Sylvan Street to the Danvers line.